

JEFFERSON CITY.

Prison Inspectors Discuss Beef Contracts Sentence Passed On Two Negroes.

Supreme Court Notes—New Companies Incorporated—Business and Personal Jots.

Adam Thierhoff Sent to Prison for Three Years for Manslaughter.

Special to the BAZOON.

JEFFERSON CITY, Dec. 15. Another meeting of the prison inspectors was held yesterday afternoon, and the question of renewing the beef contract was brought up for discussion, and the warden instructed to advertise for bids with the usual specifications. The contract expires in January, 1884.

Brack Taylor, a bad "nigger" who was shot last June by Officer Erhardt while resisting arrest, and subsequently indicted for felonious assault, to which a plea of guilty was entered, was yesterday sentenced to three years in the penitentiary by Judge Edwards. Wm. Wingo, another dark skinned individual, got twelve months in the county jail for carrying up another African with the time honored and traditional razor.

The supreme court is disposing of cases now at the rate of twenty-five per week, and by the time the next legislature is in session, and before the inauguration of the next democratic president, it is expected that the court will be near enough up with the docket to be able to dispense with the commission.

The annual amount of interest due on the state debt as it now stands is \$774,920. Certificates of incorporation were issued by the secretary of state yesterday, as follows: To the Sedalia Brewing company of Sedalia, with a capital stock of \$30,000. The incorporators are Rudolph Schmitt and Marie Schmidt, of St. Louis, and Henry Hoffmeister, of Sedalia.

To the Empire Lumber Company of St. Francois county, capital stock \$25,000, all paid up. Incorporators: Wm. H. Thompson, St. Louis; J. Wayne Jones, Englewood, New Jersey; Chas. B. Parsons and J. M. Elvins of B. rme, Tenn.

To the Carthage Lead and Zinc Company of Carthage, Mo., capital \$202,000, all paid up. The incorporators are J. A. Mitchell, C. C. Allen, J. L. Moore, D. S. Thomas, W. S. Power, of Carthage; E. H. Brown, Girard, Kansas, and Frank P. Anderson, Nevada, Missouri.

To the St. Louis Ammonia and Chemical company, Capital, \$20,000; one-half paid up. The incorporators are: Wm. A. Newman, St. Louis; George E. Page, New York, and Chas. H. Nash, St. Joseph, Mo. The auditor received for registration yesterday from E. J. Smith, of Sedalia, and R. S. Catron, treasurer of Bates county, \$31,000 of Prairie township, Bates county, 6 per cent. funding bonds.

The railroad commissioners are at work re-classifying the old freight rates. It is more than likely that several important changes will be made.

Mr. John T. Clark, the efficient chief clerk in the auditor's office, is busily engaged in compiling a history of the state debt, from the time Missouri was admitted into the union as a state to the present time. Mr. Clark is thoroughly familiar with the subject, and his work, which will form a part of the next auditor's report, will be both valuable and interesting.

The auditor to-day drew his warrant for \$10,000 in favor of R. B. Precil, treasurer of the board of curators of the State University. This is the first payment in accordance with the act of the last legislature, for the improvement and enlargement of the university building at Columbia.

The auditor has received a letter from Hickory county, stating that the county treasurer's office at Hermitage had been robbed and a state warrant taken, and asking the state treasurer to look out for the warrant. A warrant has not been mailed from the auditor's office in three years; remittances are always made by check on the Bank of Commerce, St. Louis, and unless the check has been indorsed by the party in whose name it has been drawn, no money can be obtained on it.

Adam Thierhoff was sentenced by Judge Edwards in the circuit court this afternoon to three years in the penitentiary. Thierhoff was indicted with Genningsford for the murder of Dr. Hemstreet, and escaped a severe penalty by entering a plea of guilty, to manslaughter. An effort was made by the prisoner's attorneys to get him off with a jail sentence, but Judge Edwards in passing the sentence remarked that he would give him the full extent of the law, as it seemed that the perpetrators of this murder had with this exception escaped scot free.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

—Hon. Waldo P. Johnson is in the city on legal business.

—Mr. Charles Davis, of Andrew county, is in the city on official business.

—Mr. Wm. G. McCarty has returned from a business trip to St. Louis.

—Mr. L. E. Davison, chief clerk in the state treasurer's office is in St. Louis.

—Col. McCullough, state register of lands, is in Davie county on business pertaining to his office.

—Mr. L. M. Jaqua, of Nicholasville, Kentucky, is a guest of his brother-in-law, Governor Crittenden.

—Mr. A. A. Whitsett, a prominent attorney of Pleasant Hill, Mo., is the guest of his brother-in-law, Mr. F. C. Farr.

—Dr. A. O. Williams, the genial and popular member of the house of representatives from Morgan county, was in the city yesterday.

—The Round Table Club contemplate giving another of their enjoyable entertainments on the evening of the 21st at the residence of Mr. J. R. Willis.

THE FIRE FIEND.

A Disastrous Blaze.

Winona, Minn., Dec. 15.—The Winona and St. Peter railway elevator burned at noon to-day. The fire spread to the freight house, Diamond Joe dock and Boynton's beer warehouse. The elevator was built twenty years ago and valued at \$35,000, the machinery at \$5,000. The lessee, H. J. O'Neil had 135,000 bushels barley the estimated value of which is \$79,000; insurance, \$60,000. Diamond Joe dock and warehouse were also burned; loss, \$3,000. Boynton's beer refrigerator was damaged \$10,000. The pier and draw bridge are damaged \$20,000. Two barges are slightly damaged.

Warehouse Destroyed.

Benett Harbor, Michigan, Dec. 15.—The warehouse of Ingham, Leslie & Co., burned yesterday. The Chilled Plow Co. had \$18,000 worth of stock in the building, which together with the loss of their warehouses adjoining, caused them a total loss of \$23,000. Insured for \$5,000. Other losses \$4,000, insurance \$1,000.

Clothing House Conflagrated.

St. Louis, December 15.—A fire this morning on Main street in Carondelet, a southern suburb, destroyed B. Lowenstein's clothing store totally. Loss, \$17,000; insured for \$13,000. The building was damaged \$1,000; fully insured.

Sugar House Destroyed.

New Orleans, Dec. 15.—Charles S. Walker's sugar house, near Franklin, Bayou Touche, was burned last night, loss \$75,000; insurance \$20,000. It was the largest refinery in the state outside of New Orleans.

Shovel Works Burned.

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—Rowland's extensive shovel works, near Holmesburg, were destroyed by fire to-night. Loss, \$60,000.

The Loss of the Standard.

New York, Dec. 15.—The total loss by the burning of the Standard theatre is estimated \$72,000; insurance \$25,000.

Tannery Burned.

Waterbury, Vt., Dec. 15.—C. C. Darren's tannery was burned to-night. Loss \$25,000. Insurance not known.

From the Front.

Cairo, Dec. 15.—The English authorities adhere to the opinion that Hicks Pasha and his army have been annihilated. Baker Pasha has received news that there are twenty thousand Arabs within nine miles of Suakin, exclusive of those besieging Toka and Siakat. There is great want of food and forage at Suakin.

There is great excitement among the Musselmans and Christians at Upper Egypt, attributed to the actions of the American Missionaries. The Copts are defiant and a popular outbreak is imminent. Governor Siout has warned the Egyptian government of the situation.

Another Pittsburg Plugging Match

Pittsburg, Dec. 15.—A prize fight took place this morning at daylight in a barn on the New Brighton road several miles from Allegheney City, between John Fox and James Greener for a purse of \$200. The fight was begun last night, but after the sixth round the backers interfered and the fight was postponed until daylight, and at an early hour the men came together again and fought four rounds more. Greener forced the fighting from the start and in the fourth round knocked Fox senseless. The fight was then decided in his favor. About fifty persons were present.

A Bad Blaze in a Hotel.

Fargo, Dakota, Dec. 15.—At 5:30 this morning the boarding house kept by Moses Chevette in Moorhead was burned. The fire spread rapidly and the inmates, with great difficulty, escaped in their night clothes, most of them more or less burned. Robert Dunn, Hugh Finn, Wm. Fletcher, Mrs. Chevette, Joseph Ward and Gay Withersell were seriously burned or injured, while jumping out of second story windows.

National Trotters' Meeting.

New York, Dec. 15.—The National association of trotting horse breeders elected H. W. T. Mall, of New York, president; Leland Stanford of California, first vice-president; L. D. Packer, of New York, secretary; J. W. Gray, of Virginia, treasurer. The report of the treasurer shows a balance on hand of \$22,878.

Haskell Dying.

Kansas City, Dec. 15.—A Times Washington special says: Congressman Haskell is very low to-night, and at one time his death was momentarily expected. His physician, however, succeeded in rallying him from a stupor, but his case is reported as considered critical, if not almost hopeless.

Indicted.

Mansfield, O., Dec. 15.—The grand jury returned an indictment of murder in the second degree against Robt. Johnston and one against New Washington, a burglar captured near Shelby, Ohio. The trials are set for January 7th.

Depot Despoiled.

Baltimore, Dec. 14.—The ticket office of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at Annapolis Junction was broken into by burglars last night. The iron safe was taken into the woods, broken open and robbed of tickets and money.

Going for Gamblers.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—The police raided five gambling houses at one o'clock this morning and arrested eighty keepers and inmates. All the faro and roulette tables and chips and other gaming outfits captured, were taken to the police station and burned.

The Last of Lillian.

New York, Dec. 15.—The body of Lillian Lugenbeel, the divorced wife of ex-Senator Christianity, was removed to Washington tonight. The funeral will take place to-morrow.

CAPITAL CLICKINGS.

The Democratic Convention—Spencer Case—French War Claims.

House Committees—Whisky Lobbies—Minor Mention of Minor Matters.

THE DEMOCRATIC VIEW.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Among the leading democratic members of congress the opinion prevails that the national democratic convention will be held west of Chicago. They are working quietly but diligently to secure it, and thus monopolize the national conventions for next year. The members of the national committee of Iowa and Minnesota have declared for Chicago. Louisville is also anxious to secure the convention and has active friends. One of the most prominent democratic leaders in congress said to a Star reporter: "The convention, I think will go either to Louisville or Chicago."

ARRANGEMENT BEGUN.

Arrangement was begun in the criminal court to-day, concerning the validity of the subpoenas served on Ex-Senator Spencer in the star route cases.

AWARDS FOR DAMAGES.

The French and American claims commissions made the following awards to-day against the United States: Jules Perrodin, St. Landry, La., \$1,000. Jacques Crouchet, Lafayette, \$330. Eugene Rocherau, New Orleans, \$1,428. Louis Bonner, New Orleans, \$7,000. Henry Rene, Point Coupee, \$3,000. Joseph S. Lushbines, Baton Rouge, \$125. Thomas C. Paine, Jefferson, Texas, \$3,914.

The following cases were disallowed: Jules Apat, of Lafayette. Charles B. Beze, Mobile. Mrs. Sarah Cerf, Shreveport. The commissioner, on the part of the French republic, dissented from the majority of the commissioners.

LOBBYING FOR LIQUOR.

The friends of the proposed bill extending the bonded whisky period met to-day and appointed a committee to wait upon Secretary Folger and ask him not to force the tax collection on the whisky coming out of bond until congress takes action. The committee appointed consists of Representatives Blackburn, chairman, Willis and Culbertson, of Kentucky; Jordan, Follett, and Keifer, of Ohio; Davis, Morris and Worthington, of Illinois; Balford, of Colorado; Valantine, of Nebraska; Broadhead, of Missouri; Morse, of Massachusetts; Hewitt, of New York; Bayne, O'Neill and Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; and Findley, of Maryland. At the meeting to be held Monday immediately after the adjournment of the house, the committee will be enlarged by the addition of members from Indiana, California, New York and Missouri. As soon as Secretary Folger is able to resume his duties the committee will wait upon him.

THE RANCHO CASE.

In the case of Mrs. Cerf, in the matter of the Rancho Santiago de Santa Ana, California, the secretary has decided in favor of the actual settlers.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEES.

Speaker Carlisle said to-day he was working night and day in the formation of the house committees. He thought the appointments would be made before the holiday recess.

SKINNER SEAT D.

Skinner, of North Carolina, has received from the governor a certificate of election as a member of the house. He will present his credentials and ask to be sworn in Monday. His opponent, Poole, will contest the seat on several grounds, one of which is that the vote of one county in the district was not taken, which renders the election void.

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT CHANGES.

The Japanese legation has received telegraphic advices announcing that several important changes will be made in the government departments. They consist in the transfer of prominent officials from one department to another, but do not involve any alteration in the personal government. These transfers are not regarded as likely to entail any radical changes in the government policy, but would seem to indicate that the Japanese government is resolved to persevere in the plan of the treaty revision, outlined in a recent dispatch from that country.

St. Louis Spring Meeting.

St. Louis, Dec. 15.—The St. Louis Jockey Club announce nine stake races for their spring meeting, to commence Wednesday, June 4, as follows:

Couquette stake, two year old fillies \$50 entrance, \$500 added; five furlongs.

St. James Hotel stake, two year olds, \$50 entrance, \$500 added; three quarters of a mile.

Merchants' Exchange stake, three year old fillies, \$50 entrance, \$600 added; mile and a furlong.

Southern hotel stake, three year olds, \$50 entrance, \$800 added; mile and a quarter.

Missouri derby, three year olds, \$50 entrance, \$1,000 added; mile and a half.

Brewers' Cup, all ages, \$50 entrance, \$1,000 added. Two and one-fourth miles.

The turf cash handicap, \$10 will be paid at the time of naming, \$15 additional for each starter, \$500 added. Weights will be announced May 15. Mile and one furlong.

Citizens' Plate, all ages, \$50 entrance, \$1,000 added. Weight announced May 15. Mile and a half cash handicap steeple chase, \$10 will be paid at the time of naming and \$15 additional for each starter; \$400 will be added. Weights announced May 15th, about.

The two mile races will be run under the American racing rules adopted at Louisville last month. Entries will close January 15th, 1884. There will also be two or more races each day.

Strike Ended.

New York, Dec. 15.—The trouble in the Tribune office has ended. The foreman states he has all the hands wanted.

CRIMINAL CALENDAR.

Dastardly Deeds of Death and Destruction Done by Demoniical Demons.

A Futile Fight for Freedom.

Pittsburg, Dec. 15.—Five prisoners made a desperate attempt to escape this afternoon, while being taken to the penitentiary. The party were handcuffed and in charge of Deputies Brackaw German and Berlin. While passing down Sixth street, where there is always a crowd, a prisoner named Patterson kicked German in the stomach, and with another prisoner started up Liberty street. At the same time Lynch, one of the other prisoners, threw red pepper in Berlin's eyes. German and Brackaw, who had not seen this, started after Patterson and his companion and cornered them in an alley, when Patterson drew a revolver, but before he could use it the officers overpowered him. Meanwhile Berlin, although blinded with pepper, pluckily held two prisoners, while Lynch kept the crowd back by flourishing a razor. Henneman, the fifth prisoner, then came to the assistance of Berlin, and with the aid of several officers, who had arrived by this time, the party were landed safely behind the bars. The red pepper, revolver and razor, it seems, were slipped to them during their trial, secreted in a package of tobacco.

Will Hang—Acquitted.

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—Dr. Albert Eason, convicted of the murder of his wife by poisoning, has been denied a new trial and sentenced to be hanged.

Stephen Price, charged with the embezzlement of \$87,000 from the estate of Thomas Richardson, of which he was executor, was acquitted. The jury was out all night.

Guilty of Murder.

New York, Dec. 15.—Ex Policeman Wm. Carey, who when an officer on duty and drunk, shot and killed Peter Keenan in a saloon, was found guilty of murder in the first degree. The jury was out all night. A new trial has been applied for.

End of Dime Novel Readers.

Milwaukee, Dec. 15.—Moffitt, Finch and Millard, the boy incendiaries, pleaded guilty in the criminal court to-day, and Judge Mallory sentenced them to the reform school till of age. Bennie West, who was present at one fire only, will be tried in January.

Respected.

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 15.—Enoch Town, a negro, sentenced to be hanged at Halifax court house, North Carolina this morning, has been respite until the 27th of February.

Shot by a Passenger.

Hudson, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Conductor Fales, of the Hudson River railroad, was shot last night by a passenger whom he had ejected from the train. His wound is not serious.

RAILROAD RUMBLINGS.

Trade—Traffic—Combination—Competition—Changes and Chance Items.

BULLING THEIR STOCK.

New York, Dec. 15.—A report is current this morning that the Louisville and Nashville company had made a fresh issue of bonds, and on this the stock was sold down to 44. The report is officially denied, and probably arose from an application of the company to have some of their bonds listed.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE POOR.

As is well known a large number of paupers weekly arrive in this city, who depend upon the city to take care of them temporarily and forward them on their journey. Recently Mayor Messersly addressed a communication to Mr. F. Chandler, the general passenger agent of the Pacific, asking for a special rate for the transportation of paupers. A prompt reply was received stating that a rate of two cents per mile would be made for this purpose.

In this connection it may be proper to state that the authorities of Sedalia never ship any of their paupers to other cities, unless they properly belong to them. Peniless people almost daily arrive in this city and solicit assistance to enable them to reach their destination. It is for this purpose that the mayor requested the special rate.

THE TRUNK LINE MEETING.

New York, Dec. 15.—The quarterly meeting of the passenger department joint executive committee of the trunk lines adjourned to-day. Twenty-three roads were represented. The meeting confirmed the action of the standing committee in reducing rates by way of those lines west of Chicago and St. Louis, which do not pay commissions to brokers, to meet the rates made through the brokers by other lines. The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western and Grand Trunk lines notified the come missions of their concurrence, and gave assurance of their support on the policy pursued. Passenger rates for the interior ports established and per cents and methods of divisions between their respective business interests were referred for completion to a special meeting in January. It is stated by Commissioner Pierson that the meeting was of the most harmonious and effective character and that the commission received encouraging assurances from several of the western roads. To day tickets were restored by way of the Louisville and Evansville & St. Louis railroad, which were taken off six weeks ago on account of cutting rates. A resolution was passed directing all ticket interchange of passenger business to cease with lines in the hands of the territory committee, who persist in the payment of commissions to brokers in opposition to the committee's rules. A reporter found that scalpers on Broadway were selling tickets to St. Paul and Omaha at rates under the reduction made by the committee Friday, and told Commissioner Pierson. "We will meet them," was the commissioner's reply.

FACETIOUS FINERTY.

He Fires a Fierce Fusillade of Folly at our Fiduciary Failings.

Pokes Fun at the Navy—Calls the American Flag a Pocket-Handkerchief.

Dubs Lowell the Duke of Dudes and Damns the English Government.

Washington, Dec. 15.—In an interview to-day, Congressman Finerty expressed himself freely with regard to the probable event of O'Donnell being hanged Monday. He said he had called upon the president in regard to the case within a few hours, but had obtained no information beyond the assurance that action had been taken and the result would be announced through the state department when a reply was received from England. The president did not express an opinion, Finerty said, but was as courteous as usual, although he appeared rather

SERIOUS AND SOMEWHAT ANXIOUS.

In case O'Donnell is hanged Monday, continued Finerty, it will be a snub to the United States. The house by a resolution requested the president to ask a respite, and if it has been asked, which I suppose it has, and is refused both the executive and the house and consequently the whole country have been not only snubbed but insulted. We may in that event acknowledge our government utterly unable to obtain even the slightest concession of common justice for one of its citizens from England and we may as well say to Great Britain.

ARREST EVERY AMERICAN CITIZEN

You suspect, keep him in jail without trial, hang him outside even of the forms of your own law, we as a nation have fallen so we cannot do anything to hinder you. You may do in short with our people what you damn please. Gladstone can never get along without some cantankerous person in his movements.

What can congress do if O'Donnell is hanged? was asked. Fold its hands after quietly pocketing the insult. If you had asked me what any other nation with our national strength or less than our national strength would do under like circumstances, I might answer, and in fact I would answer that it certainly would

SUSPEND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

with Great Britain until the insult was explained or atoned.

Would you vote for such proceedings? What would be the use if I did. Commercial interests as they are called, will ever in this country be superior to the idea of national honor. We are the second largest nation in regard to population and I believe in territory, yet we are afraid to even sneeze because we might

DISPLEASE THE DAMNED LITTLE ISLAND, that has a navy to assert itself with, right or wrong. Successive administrations and congresses for the last fifteen years have allowed our navy to rot in the stocks, and deserve hearty reprobation. President Arthur has certainly done what he could to remedy this state of affairs, and I hope his recommendations about the navy to the present congress will be sustained, without reference to party."

"What do you think congress will do in the premises?" "I have heard that should O'Donnell be executed Monday a resolution will be introduced asking the state department to lay all the correspondence on the subject before the house. Then, I suppose, we will have a debate; a good deal of sound and fury, indeed, but that will be the end of it. The conservative element of the house will not, in my opinion, permit vigorous action to be taken. England is called

A NATION OF SHOP-KEEPERS.

Now, I am afraid the description more truly applies to ourself. Great Britain has always adopted the 'citizen chip on the shoulder.' She slips our national nose with her fingers, but the chip will not be knocked off, and the national nose will seek refuge in the stars and stripes which is rapidly in foreign relations degenerating into a

SORT OF POCKET-HANDKERCHIEF, inadequate to business. It is more of a "flaunting lie than it ever was in the worst days of slavery. I am sorry to have to speak so rudely of our national symbol, but frankness is sometimes wholesome."

"What remedies do you propose to restore the stars and stripes to their ancient respectability abroad?" Give some other element in the country than shop-keepers a chance, reconstruct the navy, send American representatives to London and recall that weak snob,

DUKE OF DUDES.

Lord Rector, of the University of Edinburgh, and adopted Scotchman. A pretty representative for the United States in England is he, indeed.

Opposed to Female Lawyers.

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—The common pleas court No. 3 has refused the application for admission to practice of Mrs. Carrie B. Kilgore, wife of Damon M. Kilgore. Mrs. Kilgore had previously been admitted to practice in the orphans' court. Judge Hare said the uniform rule and practice of the courts of Pennsylvania were against the admission of women lawyers, and he was not disposed to take upon himself the responsibility of introducing an innovation. He considered there were special objections to the admission of married women under the existing laws of the state, which permitted them to carry on unpunished the most glaring frauds. If the legislature passed a law admitting them to the bar, he apprehended the statute would be accompanied by a provision that they should be liable to the same extent as men. He did not attach any significance to the certificate of the orphans' court, because each court was sole judge of its own rule.

HAPS AND MISHAPS.

Burned 'o a Crisp.

West Springfield, Mass., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Barbara Speiskal, a Bohemian, aged 84 years, was burned to a crisp to-day by her dress catching fire from a stove.

From a Scaffold.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 15.—The trestle used in erecting the new canal bridge at Crescent Saratoga county, fell yesterday, precipitating five men twenty feet to the canal bottom. All were injured; Staats Fonda and Frank Silvernail probably fatally.

Fatal Mine Explosion.

Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 15.—An explosion of gas occurred at Cameron colliery this afternoon, demolishing the doors and brattice in the mine and fatally burning Elias Nolte and seriously injuring John Smith. Nolte was burned almost to a crisp.

Fatal Wreck.

Pittsburg, Dec. 15.—A Steubenville, O., special says that early this morning the eastbound freight train on the Pan Handle road ran into a landslide near Skilly station and was wrecked. George Trollinger, engineer, was killed, and David Vensel, fireman, slightly injured.

A Serious Collision.

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—A collision occurred this morning on the Germantown branch of the Reading railroad, west of Sixteenth street station. The engine of the coming passenger train was derailed and several passengers severely hurt. Jennie Evans, of Oak Lane was severely cut; Lizzie Picot, of the same place, was seriously bruised on the head.

Rumble Run In.

New York, December 15.—Postoffice Inspector Ray, of Chicago, to-day arrested Geo. W. Rumble, at his office in Fulton street. Rumble is wanted in Chicago under an